

Resources

National Center for Child Death Review
www.childdeathreview.org

American Academy of Pediatrics
www.aap.org

National SIDS/Infant Death Resource Center
www.sidscenter.org

National Institutes of Health
www.NICHD.NIH.gov/SIDS

SIDS Kentucky Network
www.SIDSKY.org

First Candle
www.FirstCandle.org

American SIDS Institute
www.sids.org

Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky
www.pcaky.org

Department for Community Based Services
www.chfs.ky.gov/dcbs

National SAFE KIDS Campaign
www.safekids.org

National Center for Injury Prevention
www.cdc.gov/ncipc

Kentucky Injury Prevention/Research Center
www.kiprc.uky.edu

Kentucky Department for Mental Health
www.mhmr.ky.gov



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Kentucky Child Fatality Review Program



Cabinet for
Health and
Family Services

Mission

The Child Fatality Review and Injury Prevention Program's mission is to reduce health and life threats, particularly deaths among all Kentucky Children under 18 years of age.

What is our role?

- To facilitate
- Develop policy
- Gather and analyze data to identify trends, patterns and risks
- Provide technical assistance and training
- To review, develop, and implement strategies to improve the child fatality review and injury prevention system

Partnership prevention efforts:

- Kentucky local health departments
- Coroners
- Local and state child fatality review teams
- KIPRIC
- DDID
- DCBS
- Law Enforcement
- EMS
- Mental health treatment centers
- SAFE KIDS
- Civic organizations and faith based centers



Kentucky's Child Fatality Review System

The Child Fatality Review System is the state's response to childhood deaths: a system designed to learn what we can from the children who died and develop strategies to prevent childhood deaths in the future.

The death of a child is a tragic loss to families, friends and communities. At times we struggle to understand the facts and information leading up to the event. In some cases, we may never know why a child dies or have answers to many questions. In other cases, the reasons for the death are complex and are the result of many factors.



When a child dies...

- it impacts everyone.
- many cases are preventable.
- in Kentucky there were 603 deaths of children age 17 and under for 2008, which is a decrease of 2.8% from 2007.
- nationwide, the death rate of infants under the age of one year has leveled off.
- In 2008, Kentucky's infant mortality rate decreased by 3.1%, but this number is still preliminary.

Leading Cause of Death in KY

Infants:

- Prematurity-related
- Birth Defects
- SIDS/SUDI (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome/Sudden Unexpected Death in Infancy)



Children: (ages 1-17)

- Unintentional Injuries (motor vehicle accidents, suffocation of infants/co-sleeping)
- Birth Defects
- Diseases of the Nervous System
- Malignant Neoplasm
- Violent death (Homicide, Suicide)

Grief and Bereavement

Every county coroner leads their local Child Fatality team and coordinates with other local agencies to provide services to the grieving family. The local health departments offer grief counseling and bereavement services to the family when a child dies. For more information about these services contact your local health department.